

In order
to participate
in SCCAP,
you must have
no earned income
and you must
either live alone
or purchase
and prepare
your meals
separately from
others in your
household.

**Contact
Your Local
Social Security
(SSA) Office
or
SCCAP
Toll Free
1-800-616-1309**

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**SOUTH
CAROLINA
COMBINED
APPLICATION
PROJECT**

**ELIGIBILITY
REGULATIONS AND
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RESPONSIBILITIES**

South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP) Eligibility Regulations

The South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP) has been established so that when you apply for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) you may also apply for food stamps without filling out an additional application at the Department of Social Services. If you choose to receive food stamps, your benefit level will be determined on an automated basis by DSS when your SSI application is approved. If approved, you will receive an Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) card which will enable you to buy food at authorized retailers. You will remain eligible for food stamp benefits as long as you continue to receive SSI. If SSI is denied, you may apply for food stamps at the local DSS office.

If you want to receive food stamps right away, you may apply at the local Food Stamp Office in order to receive food stamps while awaiting determination of your SSI application. In SCCAP, food stamp benefits begin with SSI approval, **not** an application. When SSI is approved, you will automatically be transferred to the SCCAP project.

Once participating, you will continue to receive food stamp benefits through SCCAP unless you verify: Medical expenses exceeding \$35 per month; and/or shelter and utility expenses exceeding a monthly average of \$289. If either of these situations exist, you may submit an application to your local DSS for a possible increase in benefits.

South Carolina Combined Application Project (SCCAP) Rights and Responsibilities

Privacy Act Statement:

Federal and state laws and regulations limit the use and disclosure of confidential information concerning applicants and recipients of economic and medical assistance programs to the purposes directly related to the administration of these programs.

Social Security Number:

Social Security numbers will be used to check identity to prevent duplicate participation, and to facilitate making mass changes. They will also be used in computer matching and program review or audits to make sure you are eligible for assistance. Public Law 97-98 governing the Food Stamp (FS) Program requires that in order to participate in and receive benefits from the FS Program, a Social Security number (SSN) must be provided or application made for each person for whom benefits are requested.

Information obtained may affect your eligibility and level of benefits. Inaccurate or false information may result in criminal or civil action or administrative claims for fraudulent participation in the FS Program.

Changes:

You must report all changes to the Social Security Office according to their requirements. Failure to do so is considered withholding information and will permit the department to recover any benefits paid in error.

Penalty Warnings:

If you are **found guilty** of buying or selling firearms, ammunition or explosives with food stamps, you will never be able to get food stamps again.

If you are **found guilty** of buying or selling illegal drugs with food stamps, you will not be able to get food stamps for 12 months for the first offense and permanently for the second offense.

DO NOT give false, incorrect or incomplete information.

DO NOT trade, sell or alter EBT cards.

DO NOT use other people's EBT card or food stamp benefits.

DO NOT buy ineligible items such as alcoholic beverages or tobacco with food stamp benefits.

DO NOT use your EBT card to pay for food charged to a credit account.

If you break any of these rules on purpose, you may not be able to get any more food stamp benefits for a period of 12 months to permanently and may be fined up to \$250,000 or imprisoned up to 20 years or both for violations of \$5,000 or greater and would be subject to prosecution under other applicable federal and state laws. A court can also bar an individual for an additional 18 months from the program. If you receive food stamp benefits, any or all of your statements, written or oral, are subject to investigation. Your food stamp benefits may be terminated if you fail to cooperate in the investigations.